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MEMORANDUM FOR : PROJECT DIRECTOR  
SUBJECT : USAF U-2 Program  
REFERENCE : Your Memo of 26 July 1956 same subject  
(TB-150354)

1. I am in complete agreement with the proposed arrangements for the USAF U-2 follow-on program with the exception of the idea presented by Lt. Col. Taylor which you outlined in your para. 4 of the referenced memorandum. I disagree with the idea of using Edwards Air Force Base as an appropriate location to conduct equipment development tests after we close down [redacted] 25X1  
If there is any place in the Air Force where there are sharp pilots and engineers, it is Edwards. Our testing equipment there, especially cameras, in my estimation would be asking for a security breach.

2. I fully realize that they will have the U-2 aircraft at Edwards but I do not believe they are going to do camera testing on their aircraft there. I believe it wise to have the Air Force personnel, namely the 4970th, at McMill finish our development testing because they will without doubt be handling cameras at that base in their preparation of their wing for future operations. Appropriate security for our equipment can be maintained along with the security of their own camera equipment.

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